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SONIC CD
ADAPTATION!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART I

WILL YOU
PLEASE HOLD
STILL? THIS IS A
VERY DELICATE
PROCEDURE!

TWO
WORDS, ROTOR...
BORE-RING!

IT'S
STARTING
TO COME
IN...

AHHH...

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OHH... WHEN DID WE GET ZE SCI-FI CHANNEL?

HUSH, ANTOINE... BACK OFF THE LENS A BIT, ROTOR!

LENS?.. HOLY FRIJOLES, IT'S A CAMERA?

RANGE: 4725
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YES INDEED... THE FIBER OPTIC SONICAM IS NOW MOUNTED IN YOUR SNEAKER!

PRETTY RADICOOOOL, BIG GUY! HOW'S THE RECEPTION?

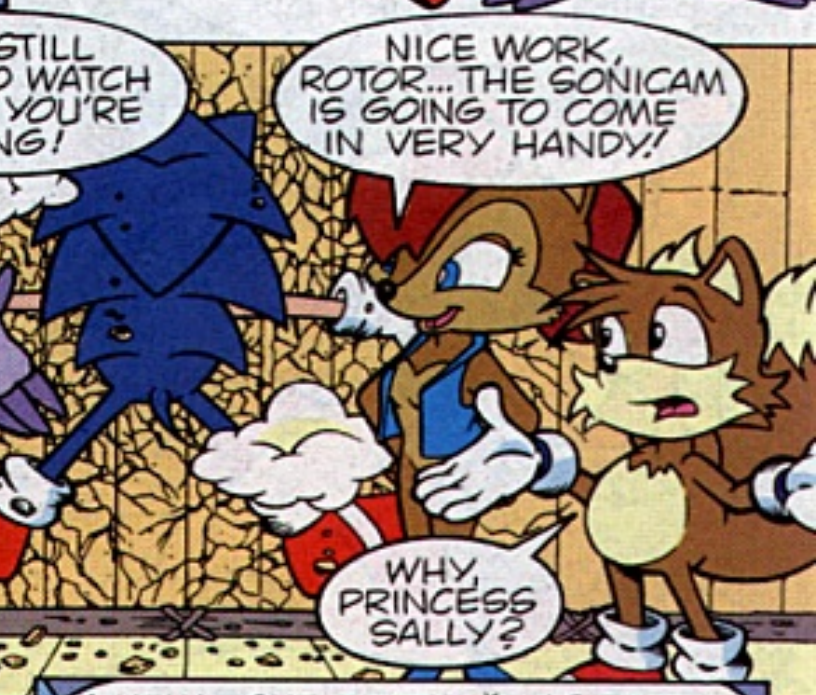
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MOTION SCAN INITIATED

LET'S SEE HOW IT LOOKS WHEN I ACCELERATE!

OOOOLP!
OOH! IT IS GIVING ME ZE MOTION SICKNESS!



THE COLLISION
CHAOS ZONE! PERHAPS
MY MOST BRILLIANT
CREATION TO DATE!

I, THE GREAT AND
POWERFUL ROB-OZ-NIK,
HAVE SPOKEN! ERRR... PAY
NO ATTENTION TO THAT MAN
BEHIND THE CURTAIN!

... BUT JUST IN
CASE, I'LL ENCOURAGE
HIM BY MAKING USE OF
THESE STOLEN SONIC-
GRAM FAN LETTERS!

To:
**Archie
COMICS**

**U.S.
POST
OFFICE**

WHOA! TAMPERING
WITH THE MAIL IS
A FEDERAL OFFENSE!

CHORTLE-SNICKER-CACKLE?
YES, MY PET PIRANHA-BOT...
I ALLOWED THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS TO DISCOVER
THE PORTAL!

REALLY, OH OVAL ONE?

INDEED! SONIC'S EGO WON'T
ALLOW HIM TO RESIST TESTING
HIS SKILL IN THE "ZONE"...

HA! THAT'S
WHAT MAKES ME A
SUPER-VILLAIN ON THE
CUTTING EDGE!

Rlllpp

"DEAR SONIC--YOU'RE MY HERO! I LOVE IT WHEN YOU KICK ROBO-BUTT! ENCLOSED IS MY PHOTO. XXXOO-AMY ROSE..."BAH!

AWW... A CUTE LITTLE GIRLIE HEDGEHOG!

WE'LL SEE HOW CUTE SHE IS WHEN SHE MEETS... **HIM!**

GASP! U-U YOU WOULDN'T...

OH, I WOULD AND WILL! HERE... BRING ME THE CHILD WHO LIVES AT THIS ADDRESS!

AFFIRMATIVE

**ZZZZT
CLANK!**

GREETINGS! THIS IS YOUR LORD AND MASTER IVO ROBOTNIK!

HA! HA! NOW TO BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

GOOD THING WE'VE GOT A WIDE SCREEN TV!

MOST AMUSING, SONIC! ALMOST AS FUNNY AS THE THOUGHT OF YOU CHICKENING OUT FROM RUNNING ON THE COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!



WHO YOU CALLING CHICKEN, FLABIO? I'M THERE!!!

NO, SONIC! IT'S A TRAP FOR SURE!



WHY, PRINCESS SALLY... ISN'T THIS A FACE YOU CAN TRUST? HAVE I EVER LIED TO YOU?

NO
AND **YES**,
DISRESPEC-
TIVELY!

SURELY YOU DON'T THINK-- OH, WAIT... I'VE JUST BEEN HANDED A BULLETIN!

WHAT THE?!..

THAT'S NO BULLETIN!

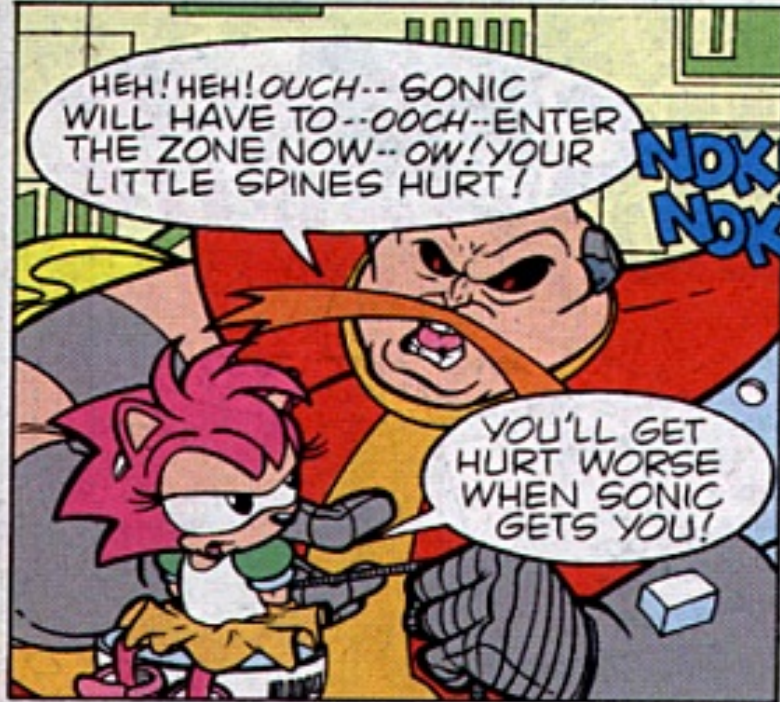


YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S LITTLE AMY ROSE, THE HEDGEHOGS-- SONIC'S BIGGEST FAN... AND MY SMALLEST HOSTAGE! SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE SIGN OFF, CHILD!

HELP!

WHY, YOU ~~short~~ OILY SONOFA ~~woof~~





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS OUT OF
ORDER!

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 2

YES...
LET'S HOLD A
PROPER MEETING
HERE!

SALLY

ANTOINE

IS
A
NERD!

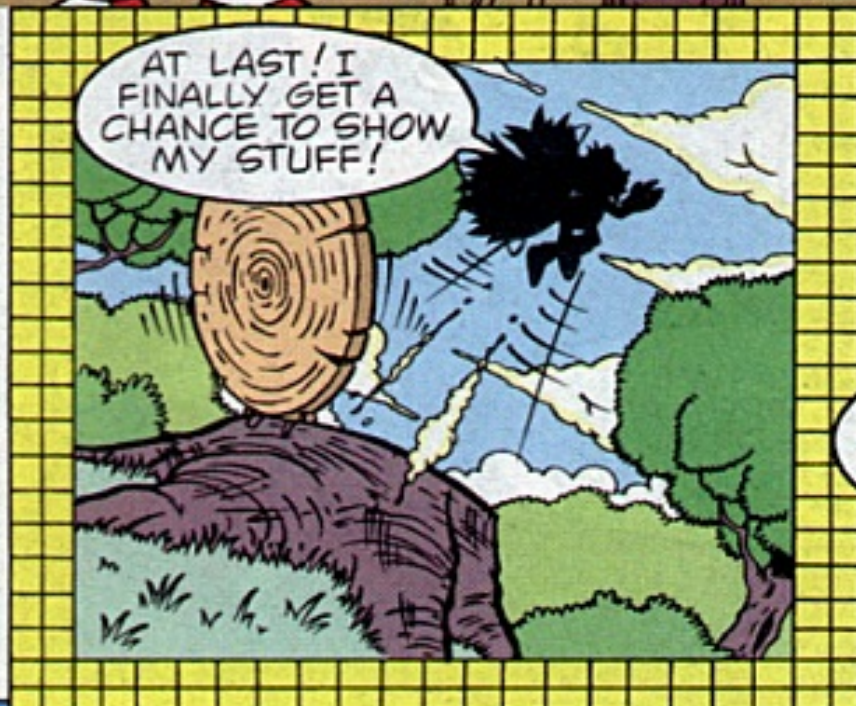
THERE'S NO TIME FOR
THIS RED TAPE! AMY
ROSE IS ONE OF MY BEST
PEN-PALS! SHE NEEDS
HELP FAST!

SONIC! WE INTEND TO
RESCUE HER...WE'RE JUST
NOT SURE THAT RUSHING INTO
UNKNOWN DANGER IS THE
WAY TO START!

C'MON, SALLY...
DANGER IS MY
MIDDLE NAME!

SONIC...

BESIDES, WE
HAVE OUR VERY OWN
TRAINED SPY WHO WILL
SCOPE OUT THE SITUATION
FROM THE AIR...RIGHT,
TAILS?!
M-M-ME?



SOON...

I COULDN'T WAIT FOR TAILS ANY LONGER! NOW ROTOR'S MAP SAYS THE PORTAL IS RIGHT HERE...OH, YEAH!

VROOOOONNN!

LISTEN UP, BLUBBER BOLTS! I'M GONNA TEAR THROUGH YOUR NEW ZONE, FREE AMY ROSE AND THEN PUNCH YOUR LIGHTS OUT!

AHA! THERE YOU ARE!

I HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM FOR YOUR AGENDA, PORK BOY...

PERHAPS NOW YOU WILL SEE THAT I BEAN MUSINESS... ERR... MEAN BUSINESS!

ZOOM OUT, CAMERA TWO--

HOLD STILL!

PERHAPS YOU WILL SEE THAT I MEAN BUSINESS

CAMERA ONE GET ME A TWO SHOT OF THE HOSTAGES ...STANDBY...

Doing!

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE ALSO GOT YOUR BELOVED FRIEND TAILS! NEED ANY MORE INCENTIVES, HEDGEHOG?

BRING IT ON, IO-W 40 BREATH!



ALL RIGHT!
THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE CUTTIN'
LOOSE!

AT THAT
MOMENT:

ROBOTNIK TO
DOOFY DUPLICATE...COME
IN, DUPLICATE...SIGH: THAT'S
YOU, SNIVELY, YOU
IMBECILE!!!

OH! RIGHT, MASTER...

...BEGIN "OPERATION
BURNT BRIDGES!"

MEANWHILE:

THE SONICAM'S
FUNCTIONING
BEAUTIFULLY!

YES, BUT
WHAT'S THAT
BEHIND
SONIC?



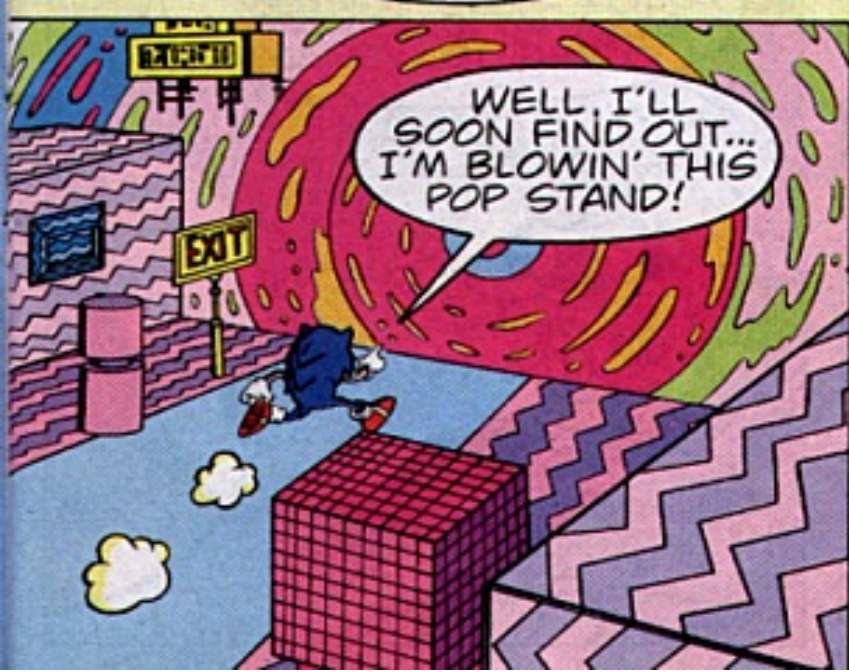
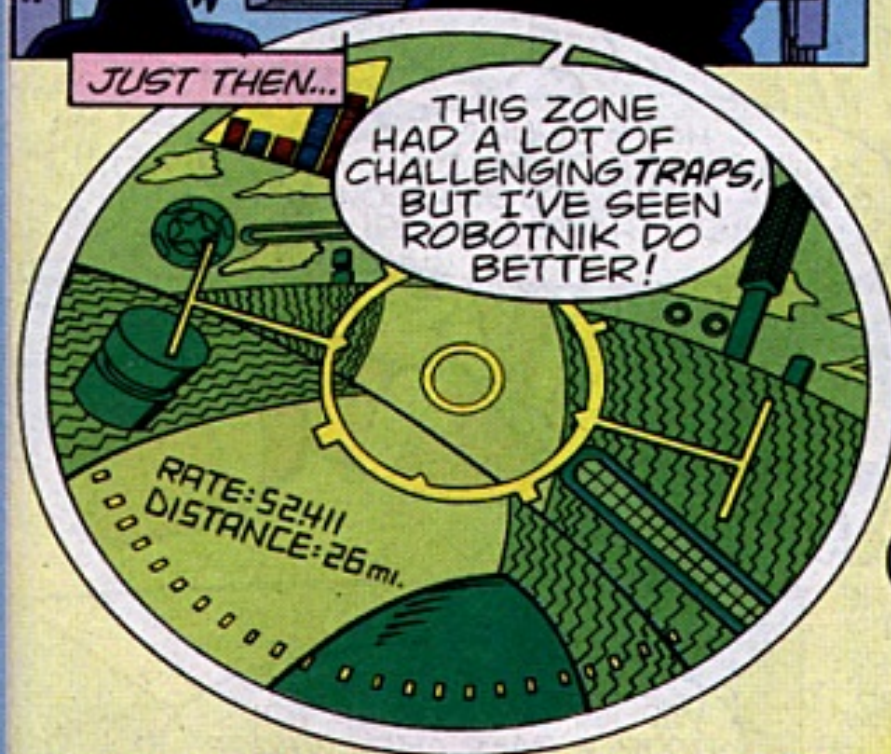
WHERE?

THERE! YOU
SEE IT BEST
WHEN HIS LEG
EXTENDS... I'LL
FREEZE AND
ENHANCE THE
IMAGE!



I STILL DON'T
GET IT!

LOOK AT
IT UPSIDE
DOWN...
AHA!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

STANDS NO CHANCE AGAINST THE
ALL NEW, ALL DIFFERENT

MECHA-SONIC!™

**"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"**

PART 3

I HOPE YOU'RE
HUNGRY, BECAUSE I'M
GONNA MAKE YOU SWALLOW
BOTH OF THOSE LOGOS!

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE
GOING TO DO IS EAT MY
DUST... *STARDUST* THAT
IS... AS I HEAR THROUGH
THE *STARDUST SPEEDWAY*
ZONE! YOUR TWO LITTLE
FRIENDS ARE WAITING FOR
ME AT THE *FINISH LINE*!

I WONDER IF IT
WOULD BE FASTER TO
DOUBLE BACK AND... *WHOO!*
BAG THAT IDEA-- HERE
COMES JELLYBELLY!

SONIC!

HELP!

THAT MAKES
AN EASY DECISION
EVEN EASIER! COMIN'
AT YOU, BUCKETHEAD!

SNORT!

snicker MECHA
SONIC HAS ENGAGED
THE HEDGEHOG!

OH BOOHOO
HOOO sob
WAHHHH!!!

sniffle I WAS
HOPING SOMEDAY
SONIC WOULD GET
ENGAGED TO ME!

BACK IN
KNOTHOLE:

IT SEEMS THAT SONIC
HAS ENTERED ANOTHER
ZONE... ITS ENERGY FIELD
IS INTERFERING WITH
HIS SONICAM!

WHAT'S
WRONG AMY
ROSE?

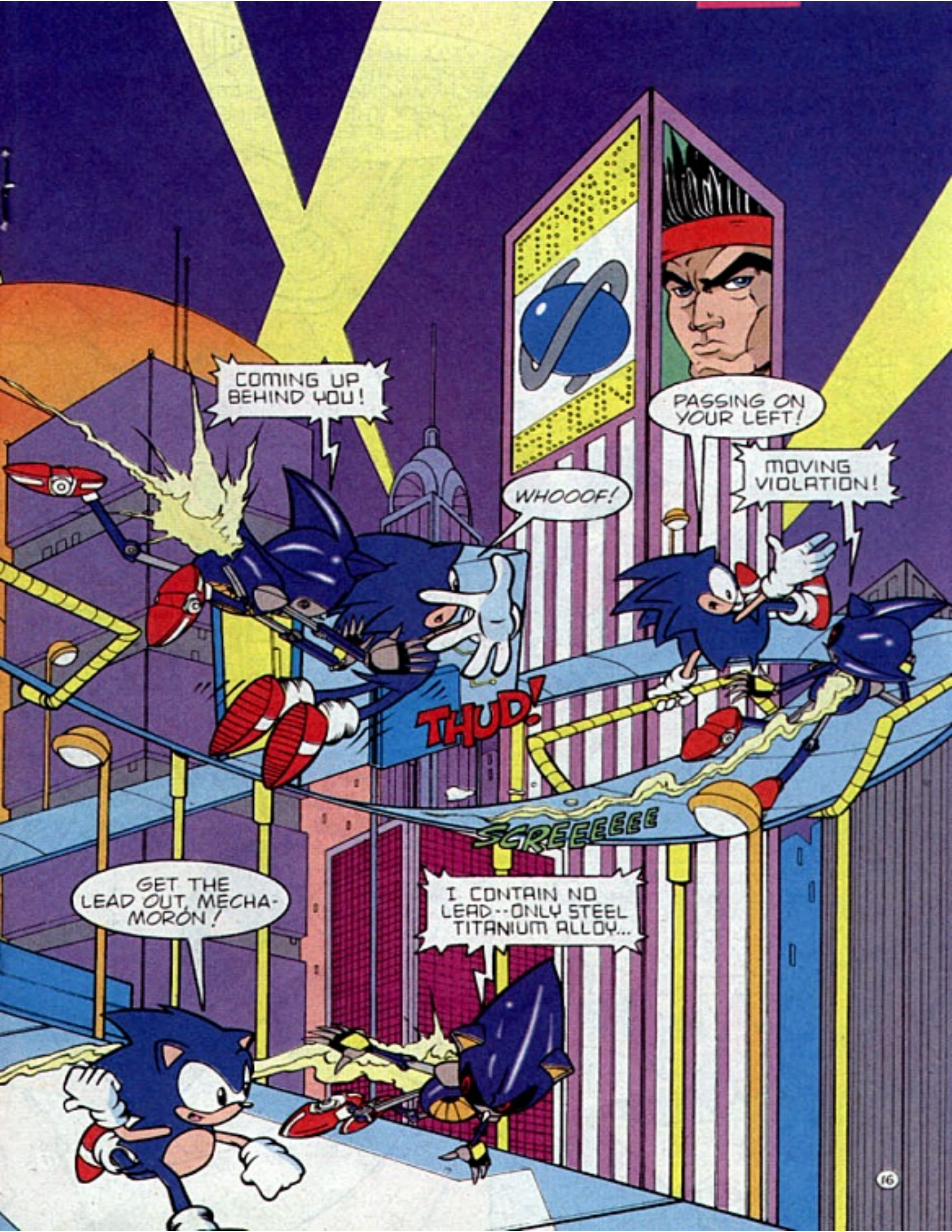
TRY AND GET
A FIX ON HIS LAST
LOCATION -- IT'S
TIME FOR ACTION!

**AND IN THE STARDUST
SPEEDWAY ZONE...**

HOPE YOU DON'T
MIND IF I GET A
JUMP ON YOU,
METALHEAD!

BWOING!

SORRY...THIS
IS A ONE-LANE
EXIT RAMP...



COMING UP
BEHIND YOU!

PASSING ON
YOUR LEFT!

MOVING
VIOLATION!

WHOOOF!

THUD!

SCREEEEEE

GET THE
LEAD OUT, MECHA-
MORON!

I CONTAIN NO
LEAD--ONLY STEEL
TITANIUM ALLOY...

AT THAT MOMENT, UP
AHEAD AT THE FINISH LINE:

EVERYTHING IS IN
PERFECT ORDER, OH
KING CHOLESTEROL!
SHOULD SONIC SURVIVE
THE STARDUST ZONE...

I'LL HANDLE THE
EXPLANATION AND
SPEECH-MAKING, CRABMEAT!
NOW CHECK THE LETTERING
ON THE STRIPE!

WELL?

IT'S PERFECT!
IT SPELLS:
"FINISH"!

THOOOM!

IT CERTAINLY DOES!

IT'S 3CHORTLE! SLICKER THAN
OIL ON SALT WATER! SHOULD
SONIC SURVIVE THE STARDUST
ZONE, HE'LL RUN UNDER THIS
FINAL ARCHWAY...

THAT WAY,
EVEN IF SONIC
WINS...

HE
LOSES!

...AND BE
SMUSHED!

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This month only:
As part of our 25th issue
celebration, instead of printing
FAN ART, we decided to treat
you to art work from some of
Sonic's comic book creators!
ENJOY!

EEEEEE-YAHH!
HA! HA! HA!

DRAH! I
THOUGHT THEY MEANT
MICHAEL JORDAN!



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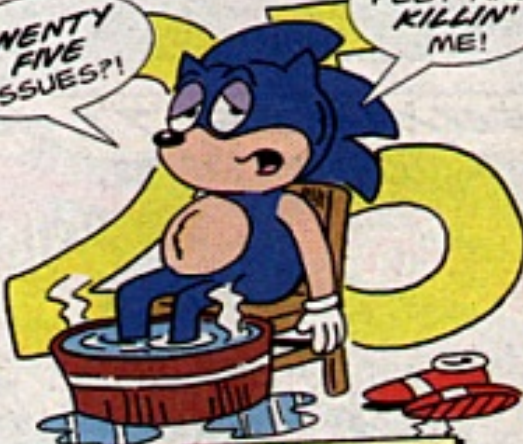


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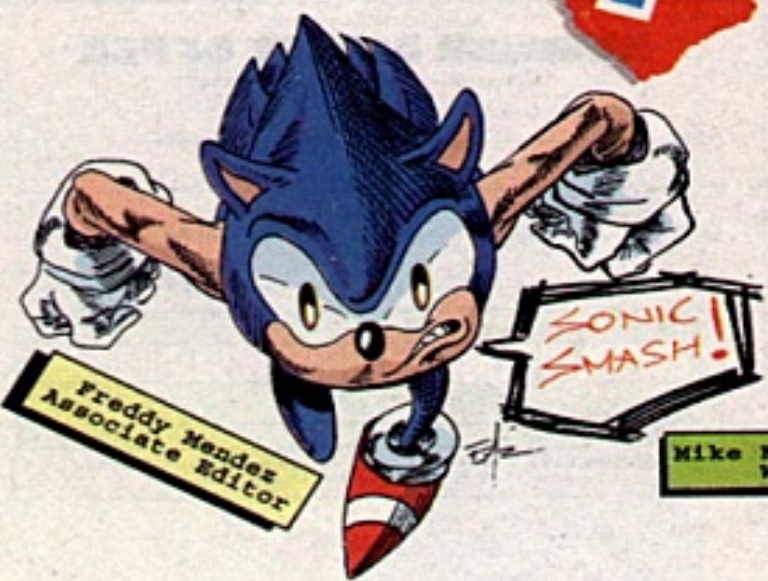
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TWENTY
FIVE
ISSUES?!

MY
FEET ARE
KILLIN'
ME!



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SMASH!

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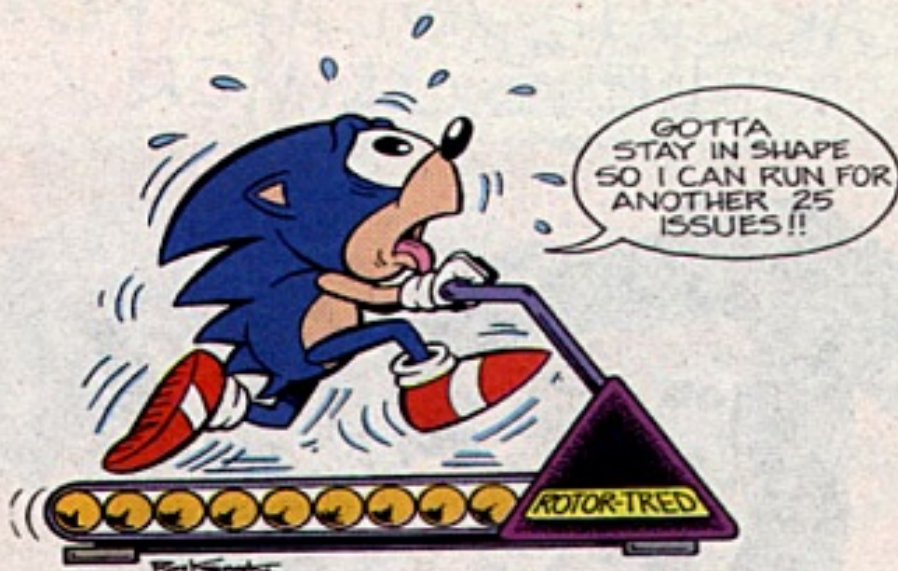


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PEP



GOTTA
STAY IN SHAPE
SO I CAN RUN FOR
ANOTHER 25
ISSUES!!

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THANKS
FOR SHARING OUR
ADVENTURES
WITH US!

Frank Gagliardo
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A HEDGEHOG'S
WORK IS NEVER DONE...
GOTTA DO MY OWN
LETTERING, TOO!

Mindy Eisman
Letterer



GOAL
SAR 00
95

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HEY!
ROBOTNIK'S
THE DIRTY GUY--
NOT ME!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

GIVE IT UP! YOU MUST
BE EXHAUSTED BY NOW!

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 4

NO WAY, SAN
JOSE! NOTHING WILL
SLOW ME DOWN!

OH NO? WHAT IF THE MECHA-
SONIC YOU WERE JUST TALK-
ING TO WAS A HOLOGRAM--
AND THE *REAL* ME WAS
WAITING TO AMBUSH YOU?!

UMF! THAT
MIGHT
DO IT!

TRIP!

UP ABOVE:

WE'RE OVER THE
FAR END OF THE
NEW ZONE, SALLY!

OKAY, ROTOR... I'VE
SPOTTED ROBOTNIK'S
UNMISTAKABLE
LARGE BODY--

I'M
GOING
IN!

YOU'VE
GOT YOUR
ASSIGNMENT...

GOOD LUCK,
PRINCESS!

FLUME!

THAT SAL IS
SOME GAL... NO
WONDER SONIC'S SO
CRAZY ABOUT HER!

SPEAKING OF MY
LITTLE BLUE BUDDY,
I WONDER WHAT HE'S
DOING NOW...

HERE COMES THE HOME STRETCH, HEDGEHOG-- HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

YOU BETCHA, CREEP!
I'VE BEEN WORKING
ON THIS NEW MOVE
FOR A WHILE...

THE FIGURE
EIGHT SUPER
PEEL-OUT!

ONCE I DO
IT, I MOVE AT
WARP SPEED!

I SHALL
PURSUE!

SONIC'S CURRENT SPEED IS AT A
LEVEL NEVER BEFORE ACHIEVED!
:BZZT: MUST--EXERT-- BEYOND--
:SQUEE: MAXIMUM!

MALFUNCTION! HEAT
GENERATED BY SPEED
AND FRICTION IS MELT-
ING MY METAL LEGS!

WHEEEEEEE

IF YOU CAN'T
TASTE THE CHILI DOGS,
STAY OUT OF THE
KITCHEN!

SURRENDER, SNIVELY!

OKAY, OKAY!

GET AWAY FROM THAT BUTTON, ROBOTNIK!

UMF! OH NO! SONIC WENT THROUGH THE ARCH--I MISSED MY CHANCE!

MY HERO!

OUR HERO!

YES! THE CROWD GOES WILD!

BAH! IT'S
NOT FAIR! MY
PLAN WAS SO
FOOLPROOF...
=WHINE=

WHAT? THAT
DEVICE HOUSED IN
THE ARCH? I SAW
IT COMING A MILE
AWAY!

QUIT YOUR
BELLYACHING... I'LL
STAND UNDER IT
IF IT'LL MAKE
YOU HAPPY...

Y-YOU WUH-
WILL?..

MISSED
ME! NYUK!
NYUK!

NO! IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

OKAY,
CHUBSY-UBSY...
FIRE AWAY!

INDEED I
SHALL...

GAME,
SET AND
MATCH!

BUT I PERSONALLY
DESIGNED THIS DEVICE!
WHAT WENT WRONG?





"GO AHEAD... MECHA MY DAY!"

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WELCOME TO OUR TWENTY-FIFTH ISSUE CELEBRATION!

It's taken a lot of hard work to get here, but it was worth every drop of sweat! Whew!

This month, as part of the "festivities," instead of printing another batch of fantastic fan letters, I thought we'd give you a little background on what has helped and will continue to make Sonic's comic book your number one favorite!

Onward!

AWOOGA! AWOOGA! NEW TEAM MEMBER ON DECK!

Starting with this issue, I'm proud to introduce our new Associate Editor...**Freddy Mendez!** "CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!" The latest addition to our staff of goofballs, Freddy is ready to lend his talents to "Sonic Land" with a whole host of outrageous ideas. Freddy's also a heck of an artist--you can catch his **coloring artistry** on the **Knuckles solo stories** in the **Sonic & Knuckles Special**, on sale now! Address some of your Sonic-Gram letters to the "Fredster" and make the guy feel welcome!

IT'S THE RETURN OF THE ADVENTURES OF SCOTT & PAUL!

You may have chuckled at the gags starring former Sonic Editor Paul Castiglia and myself that have appeared on these pages, but we've never credited the artists who drew them! Here goes: **Issues 12, 14 and 25--Bill Golliher.** **Issues 13 & 16--Dan Parent.** You can catch the hilarious stories and art work of these wild and crazy guys regularly in the pages of Archie Comics!

SPEAKING OF PAUL... (affectionately known as "Pauley") My busy buddy (or is that busybody?) may have moved into the position of Archie Comics Manager, Direct Sales & Promotions, but he still has time to **write** a few Sonic adventures. Check 'em out in future issues! I just can't seem to get rid of that guy!

MIKE GALLAGHER **RETURNS!** That famous and funny guy who wrote all those fun-tabulous Sonic Stories up to and including issue #8 is back starting with **this issue!** And this time he's here to stay...we hope!



WHAT'S A HARVO? You may have caught this weird phrase scrawled on Sonic covers and listed in our credits--and you will continue to see it in the months to come. Why? Because Harvo is the nickname for artist **Harvey Mercadoocasio!** When I asked this super talented guy if he has a shortened version of his super long surname he said, "Just call me what my wife Gwen calls me!" So when you see the name Harvo, just think of Harvey Merca...uhh...you get the idea!



SPECIAL THANKS TO **JENNIFER HUNN, CYNTHIA WILKES AND SUSAN REYES AT SEGA...** You've read this acknowledgement a few times, but who are these people?! Why, they're none other than the bright and talented department of wise folk at Sega (Sonic's parents) who work even closer with Sonic himself that we do! Each and every day this gang of professionals works hard to keep the ol' Blue Blur happy by ensuring that Archie Comics accurately depicts the Freedom Fighters' adventures!

DID YOU **KNOW...** in addition to being the hot new Sonic artist, **Patrick Spaziante** works on staff at Archie Comics as a supreme production artist?! What book does he help put together for our printer? We'll give you **one** guess! Did you also know that Pat is our resident video game expert and an unending source of Sonic info? In fact, we can all thank Pat for the great idea for this issue's story! All together now: **THANKS, PAT!!!**

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